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The Health Department,
The Red House,
Castle Street,
Barnstaple.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Barnstaple Rural District.

Mr Chairman, Mesdames Burgess, Gillespie
and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the health and vital statistics of the Barnstaple Rural District for the year 1962.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their help and interest in the work of the department and also to thank the Chief Public Health Inspector and Staff for their co-operation during the year.

Your obedient Servant,

E. WILLIAMS,

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman: J. Chugg.

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STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Staff of the Public Health Department consists of:-

Part Time Officer:

Medical Officer of Health: Dr. E. Williams,
M.R.C.S.Eng.,L.R.C.P.Lond.,D.P.H.Oxon.

Whole Time Officers:

Chief Public Health Inspector,Engineer and Surveyor:
A.J. Dennis,M.A.P.H.I.,C.R.S.H.

Public Health Inspectors: J.W. Bolton,M.A.P.H.I.,M.R.S.H.
F.A. Lethbridge, M.R.S.H.

Building Inspector: E. Masters.

Articled Pupil: N. Venner.

Clerks: Mrs. J. Kelly.
Mr. P. Lethbridge.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The chief occupations of the district are:-

(i) Agriculture.
(ii) Catering for visitors.

The locality may be regarded as purely non-industrial and employment is on the whole steady.

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the Barnstaple Rural District

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	129,346
Population (Registrar-General's Mid-Year Estimate)	25,580
Inhabited Houses	8,098
Number of Council Owned Houses ...	636
Density of Persons per House	3.2
Rateable Value	£324,758
Value of a Penny Rate (Estimate) ...	£1353. 3. 2d.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	353
Live Births per 1000 population ...	13.79 (15.03 corrected)
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	5.38
Stillbirths	11
Still-birth rate per 1000 live and still-births	30.2
Total Live and still-births	364
Infant Deaths under 1 year	6
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births	16.9
Infant Deaths per 1000 legitimate births	17.96
Infant Deaths per 1000 illegitimate births	Nil

Neo Natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 Total Live Births	11.33
Early Neo Natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 Total Live Births ...	8.49
Peri-Natal mortality rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 Total Live & Still-births)	38.46
Maternal mortality (including abortion)	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1000 Live and Still-births	Nil
Deaths	336
Deathrate per 1000 population ...	13.13
Deathrate per 1000 population adjusted ...	12.08
Births : Comparability Factor ...	1.09
Deaths : Comparability Factor ...	0.92

BIRTHS - LIVE

		Males	Females	Total
Live Births	Legitimate	173	161	334
	Illegitimate	10	9	19
	Total	183	170	353

Live Birth Rate per 1000 population ...	13.79
Live Birth Rate for England and Wales ...	18.0
Birth Rate adjusted by area comparability factor	15.03

STILLBIRTHS

		Males	Females	Total
Stillbirths	Legitimate	5	6	11
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

POPULATION TRENDS SINCE 1947

Year		Population	Live Births	Deaths
1947	Estimated Figures	21,290	419	299
1948		22,020	376	285
1949		23,140	338	318
1950		22,520	334	298
1951	Census	23,150	324	314
1952		23,030	342	322
1953		23,360	318	257
1954		23,410	346	296

Year		Population	Live Births	Deaths
1955	Estimated Figures	23,642	334	316
1956		24,070	343	302
1957		24,010	369	300
1958		24,370	362	276
1959		24,370	356	294
1960		25,050	365	272
1961	Census	25,290	338	299
1962		25,580	353	336

DEATHS

A total of 336 Barnstaple Rural District residents died during the year, 158 being males and 178 females.

The following table gives causes of deaths:-

	Males	Females
Tuberculosis Respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis Other	-	-
Other infective and parasitis diseases	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	10	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	12
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	19	20
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	3
Diabetes	-	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	27	34
Coronary disease, angina	32	27
Hypertension with heart disease	24	32
Other circulatory disease	4	12
Influenza	1	-
Pneumonia	6	2
Bronchitis	8	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Gastritis,enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	5	-
Congenital malformations	-	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	16

Motor vehicle accidents	3	-
All other accidents	2	2
Suicide	3	1

Neo-Natal Deaths

This represents the number of deaths occurring in infants under the age of 4 weeks:-

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neo-Natal death rate per 1,000 Total Live Births : 11.33

Infant Mortality Rate

During the year 6 infants died under the age of 1 year. There were no deaths amongst illegitimate infants:-

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	1	5	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Total Live Births : 16.9

Maternal Mortality

There were no maternal deaths attributable to pregnancy, childbirth or abortion during the year.

Cancer Deaths

There were 71 deaths from cancer during the year as compared with 51 in 1961.

	Males	Females	Total
Stomach	5	3	8
Lung and Bronchus	10	-	10
Breast	-	12	12
Uterus	-	2	2
Others	19	20	39

Deaths from Lung Cancer

Year		M	F
1950	...	1	1
1951	...	1	-
1952	...	5	1
1953	...	5	2
1954	...	5	1
1955	...	5	-
1956	...	7	-
1957	...	8	2
1958	...	9	2
1959	...	7	2
1960	...	6	2
1961	...	9	2
1962	...	10	-

The total number of cancer deaths since 1947 is shown in the following table:-

Year	Total No. of Deaths	- Cancer Deaths - M	F	Total
1947	299	19	23	42
1948	285	22	21	43
1949	318	19	23	42
1950	298	14	24	38
1951	314	14	26	40
1952	322	26	29	55
1953	257	18	27	45
1954	296	20	30	50
1955	316	21	26	47
1956	302	25	30	55
1957	300	31	26	57
1958	276	21	22	43
1959	294	24	28	52
1960	272	20	21	41
1961	299	24	27	51
1962	336	34	37	71

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

A total of 53 infectious disease notifications were received during the year. These included 38 measles cases - the outbreak occurring towards the end of the year. There was one case of typhoid which occurred in a young boy. No organisms were isolated from the stools, the diagnosis being established on agglutinatum tests. A full investigation of the illness was made but no food or drink could be incriminated.

One case of paratyphoid was reported - the illness occurred following the patient's return home from a holiday at Woolacombe.

Six cases of pulmonary tuberculosis occurred during the year; arrangements were made for close relatives and contacts to be examined at the Chest Clinic.

There were two cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis, one being T.B. of the renal tract and the other a case of infected cervical glands.

No cases of food poisoning were reported during the year.

There were no cases of Infantile Paralysis or Diphtheria.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following tables give particulars of the Infectious Diseases notified during the year:-

Measles	...	...	38
Pneumonia	...	...	3
Whooping Cough	...	...	3
Typhoid	...	...	1

Eight cases of Tuberculosis notified in accordance with the regulations were as follows:-

Age Period		Pulmonary M.	Pulmonary F.	Non-Pulmonary M.	Non-Pulmonary F.
1 - 5 years	...	-	-	-	-
5 -14 years	...	-	1	-	-
15-24 years	...	1	-	1	-
25-44 years	...	1	1	-	-
45-64 years	...	1	-	-	-
65 & over	...	-	1	-	1

Tuberculosis - Distribution of Cases

Atherington	...	...	1
Braunton	...	...	1
Combe Martin	...	...	2
Fremington	...	...	1
Landkey	...	...	2
Pilton West	...	...	1

The following table shows the number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register on 1st January and 31st December, 1962:-

Year 1962	Pulmonary M	Pulmonary F	Pulmonary TOTAL	Non-Pulmonary M	Non-Pulmonary F	Non-Pulmonary TOTAL
1st January	53	36	89	8	8	16
31st December	53	34	87	9	10	19

INCIDENCE OF PULMONARY AND NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS SINCE 1947

Year	No. of Cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Case Rate per 1,000 Population	No. of Deaths	Death Rate per 1,000 Population	Non-Pulmonary
1947	15	0.7	3	0.14	3
1948	15	0.68	1	0.04	7
1949	22	0.95	3	0.13	4
1950	10	0.44	4	0.17	6
1951	23	0.99	7	0.30	7
1952	21	0.91	6	0.26	11
1953	24	1.03	3	0.12	4
1954	11	0.47	-	-	3
1955	4	0.17	-	-	1
1956	7	0.29	-	-	2
1957	5	0.20	1	0.04	1
1958	5	0.20	1	0.04	2
1959	4	0.16	1	0.04	1
1960	6	0.23	-	-	-
1961	5	0.20	1	0.04	2
1962	5	0.23	-	-	2

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

TUBERCULOSIS

Hawley Hospital, situated in the Borough, has 28 beds.

MATERNITY CASES

At the North Devon Infirmary, there is a ward of 14 beds, with a fully-qualified staff available for cases of doubt or difficulty.

A General Practitioners' Maternity Unit of 13 beds is situated at "Highfield", Victoria Road, Barnstaple.

At Bicclescombe Hospital, Ilfracombe, there are 10 beds for Maternity and Ante-natal patients.

ISOLATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There is an Infectious Diseases Isolation Hospital at Bideford, the Kingsley Hospital, which serves Barnstaple as well as other Local Authorities in North Devon.

SMALLPOX

The Smallpox Hospital to which any cases of Smallpox will be sent is Upton Pine Hospital, near Exeter. Special ambulance transport can be obtained by contacting the Isolation Hospital, Whipton, Exeter. (Telephone 67158).

GENERAL

The North Devon Infirmary, situated at Barnstaple, serves the area, and provides modern Medical and Surgical treatment for the residents of the district.

Two wards with a total of 33 beds at the Alexandra Hospital are set aside as an annexe to the wards of the North Devon Infirmary and post-operative and recovery patients are now transferred there as soon as possible.

There are 100 beds for the chronic sick at the Alexandra Hospital.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The main Laboratory is situated at Bradninch Place, Gandy Street, Exeter, and Dr. Moore is the Director. It is completely installed with the necessary equipment for bacteriological examinations of all kinds. Its diagnostic and consultative services are available for all patients. Bacteriological examinations of drinking water and milk are also carried out.

There is also a Pathological Laboratory at 75, Boutport Street, Barnstaple, with a full-time Pathologist and Technical Staff to meet the needs of the whole North Devon Area. The Blood Bank is also situated at this Laboratory.

CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES

V.D.Clinic

This is held at the North Devon Infirmary Annexe.

Sessions:	Females	Males
Monday	4.0 p.m.	5.15 p.m.
Thursday	4.30 p.m.	5.45 p.m.

Chest Clinic

The Chest Clinic is held at the North Devon Infirmary Glossop Annexe.

Sessions:

Tuesdays	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Clinic and X-Ray Examinations
Wednesdays	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1945, the Local Health Authority (i.e. the Devon County Council) is responsible for the provision of an Ambulance Service and the Devon Health Committee have arranged for this to be provided through the agency of the St. John Ambulance Association. The Brigade serves Barnstaple Borough and the district around, and the Headquarters are in Commercial Road,Barnstaple. The staff consists of three paid members (full-time), 20 men

volunteers and 14 volunteer nurses. The Hospital car service, also under the Devon County Council, is available upon application to the Hospital by the doctor concerned, and the Ambulance Service is empowered to hire cars in urgent cases when the ambulance is not necessary.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOMES

There are nine District Nurses in the area, all of whom act as Midwives.

IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION

Protective immunization and vaccination against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Smallpox and Poliomyelitis, are undertaken by the General Practitioners and at the Infant Welfare and School Clinics. There are four Infant Welfare Clinics organised by the Devon County Health Authority within the district. These are held as follows:-

Fremington - Parish Hall:
2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons.

Braunton - Parish Hall:
Thursday afternoons.

Combe Martin - Baptist Chapel Rooms:
2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoons.

Woolacombe - Methodist Hall:
2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

CARE OF THE AGED

Where possible, elderly people who are living alone are given every assistance to enable them to remain as long as possible in their own homes. The more needy cases are visited by the Health Visitors, and in instances of ill-health, by the District Nurses. They are also assisted in running their own homes through the Home Help Scheme. This is operated locally by the W.V.S. through Mrs M.Hughes, for the Devon County Council, and extends into all the North Devon rural area wherever transport is available.

HOME HELPS

There are now 107 Home Helps, full-time and part-time.

During the year 658 cases were dealt with. 22 blind persons were cared for and 35 maternity cases attended.

The W.V.S. help 49 old people living in their own homes by visiting them and doing their shopping etc., and taking them magazines.

The S.O.S. Window Card scheme is still being operated, and now about 40 old people have these cards, and it gives them a sense of security and a feeling they can get help if needed. The Police know that these people have cards.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

This is now being operated by the Devon County Council at the Clinic for elderly people on Wednesday and Friday. They pay 2/6d for each visit. The W.V.S. arrange the rotas and help the Chiropodist in every possible way.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (Amendment) Act, 1951. Sec 47

No cases were dealt with under this Act during 1962.

HOUSING

During the year Closing or Demolition Orders were passed by the Council in respect of eleven dwellings. Five families were re-housed from unfit houses during the year.

The Council approved of 32 applications for Standard Grant improvement to dwellings, 21 of which were in respect of owner/occupiers and 11 in the case of dwellings let to tenants.

The Council also approved of 22 applications for Discretionary Grants,7 of which were for owner/occupier and 15 tenanted.

Twenty-one Council dwellings were erected and completed during the year, 18 being built at Braunton and 3 at Combe Martin. The total number of applicants for Council dwellings at 31st December, 1962 was 341 as compared with 240 in Dec.1961

Houses built privately during 1962 totalled 217.

WATER SUPPLIES

The majority of villages and hamlets in the 36 Parishes of the Rural District are on mains water supplied by the North Devon Water Board.

The water intake is from two sources, one from the River Yeo at a point some five miles from the town of Barnstaple. This water is filtered through sand filter beds and chlorinated at the Pilton Treatment Works. The other source of supply is from the Water Board's Reservoir at Wistlandpound. This is treated by filtration and chlorination at the Board's Works at Bratton Fleming.

The following table shows the existing water supplies in the various parishes:-

Parish	Population 1951 Census.	
Arlington	157	Small hamlet - scattered dwellings - private main supply,owned by National Trust.
Ashford	166	Compact village - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Atherington	391	Compact village - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Berrynarbor	650	Compact village - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Bishops Tawton	1023	Compact village - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Bittadon	36	Isolated dwellings - on well water supply.
Bratton Fleming	480	Village - main water - North Devon Water Board.
Braunton	3819	Large village - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Brendon	244	Small hamlet & scattered dwellings - private supplies - springs.
Challacombe	147	Small hamlet - springs & wells - private supplies.

Combe Martin	2310	Large village - mains water - North Devon Water Board.
Countisbury	118	Hamlet & scattered dwellings - private supplies - springs.
East Down	258	Hamlet - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Fremington	2738	Large village - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Georgeham	1001	Large village - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Goodleigh	299	Village - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Heanton Punchardon	1358	Village - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
High Bray	144	Village - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Horwood	69	Hamlet - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Instow	785	Village - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Kentisbury	290	Village - supplied from Ilfracombe Reservoir -unfiltered & unchlorinated.
Landkey	700	Village - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Loxhore	148	Upper Loxhore on mains water - National Trust property. Lower Loxhore - spring water.
Martinhoe	191	Hamlet & scattered dwellings - private wells and springs.
Marwood	599	Main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Mortehoe	1328	Village - main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Newton Tracey	107	Main supply -North Devon Water Board.
Parracombe	368	Main supply -North Devon Water Board.
Pilton West	125	Main supply -North Devon Water Board.
Shirwell	352	Main supply -North Devon Water Board.
Stoke Rivers	143	Main supply -North Devon Water Board.
Swimbridge	1024	Main supply -North Devon Water Board.
Tawstock	1125	Main supply -North Devon Water Board.
Trentishoe	48	Hamlet - springs.

West Down	494	Main supply -North Devon Water Board.
Westleigh	479	Main Supply -North Devon Water Board.

During 1962, the Board provided mains water to a further 357 domestic dwellings and 58 farms.

The following table indicates the number of water samples taken throughout the year:-

Authority	No. of Samples taken	Satisfactory
Barnstaple Rural District Council For Improvement Grant purposes	45) 4)	26
North Devon Water Board	83	79

The village of Saunton which lies in the Braunton Parish has its own private water undertaking, the water being obtained from a deep well and springs. In all, about 55 dwellings,which includes farms, shops and a large hotel, are supplied. Samples submitted during the year for bacteriological examination were satisfactory.

Loxhore Parish. A scheme for the supply of water by the North Devon Water Board to this area has now been approved by the Ministry and will be completed by 1964. The brink main will then be extended from Loxhore on to Shirwell Parish and the use of the small local supply of water will be discontinued.

There are 24 schools administered by the Devon County Council and 3 private schools within the rural area. All are on mains water supply, with the exception of Countisbury Junior School. Kentisbury Junior School was connected on to mains water during the year.

I am grateful to Mr A. S. Bateman, the North Devon Water Board Engineer for the information supplied.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR, ENGINEER & BUILDING SURVEYOR

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The Red House,
Castle Street,
Barnstaple.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Barnstaple Rural District Council,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my 17th Annual Report for the year 1962.

The Barnstaple Rural District embraces 36 Parishes, 129,346 acres in area. The population is 25,580, but as this is a holiday area, the influx of summer visitors causes a very wide variation and there is no information available as to the summer population.

The number of properties is:-

No. of houses & flats (including 1188 agricultural dwelling houses & 636 Council Houses) ...	8098
No. of commercial premises, e.g. shops with dwelling accommodation, Banks, lock-ups, hotels, boarding houses, garages etc.	936
No. of Public Houses	59
No. of Entertainment & recreational premises, e.g. Cinemas, Golf Clubs, Dance Halls, Swimming Pools etc.	68
No. of Educational & Cultural premises, e.g. Schools, Colleges, Libraries etc.	28
No. of miscellaneous properties, e.g. Crown properties, clinics, nursing homes etc.	291

No. of industrial premises, e.g. factories, workshops etc.	33
No. of Public Utility premises	50
Freight Transport	1
	9564

It is to be regretted that no progress can be reported in the preparation of the sewerage scheme for Landkey, Swimbridge and Bishops Tawton and a scheme in a form suitable for submission to the Ministry is still awaited from the Consulting Engineers.

After the frustrations and disappointments experienced in this scheme, it is a pleasure to be able to report that the Braunton Scheme is in the course of construction and satisfactory progress has been maintained throughout the duration of the contract. This scheme will, in addition to replacing sewers which over the years have become both defective and inadequate, at least secure the removal of appalling conditions now prevailing at Vellator Pill due to the discharge there of all the crude sewage from the Braunton area. Consideration by the Council was first given to the abatement of this nuisance in 1937.

Special attention has been paid to petroleum installations throughout your district. While many filling stations have been modernised and new pumps and underground storage tanks installed, many filling stations were still using storage tanks over 20 years old and during the year all tanks which had been in existence for more than 20 years were tested. No serious defects were found and every storage tank now in use is in a satisfactory condition. Testing of these tanks meant thet they were out of commission for at least 24 hours. This must have caused inconvenience and loss of business to the garage proprietors but I take this opportumity of expressing my appreciation of their co-operation in this matter. Over 100 visits were made to petroleum installations, and not in one single instance was there any resentment expressed by the garage proprietors.

As will be seen from the Building Surveyor's report, estate developement in your district shows no signs of decreasing. A survey was carried out in which 100 families occupying new houses in your district were interviewed. It is interesting to note that over 50% of these families came from outside the area and in most cases had decided to come to North Devon to retire. The three main reasons encountered for so doing were:-

(i) the equable climate.
(ii) to get away from the hustle of industrial areas, and
(iii) the cost of building sites being lower than in many other parts of the country.

The Caravan Sites and Control of Developement Act, 1960, also claimed a considerable amount of time during 1962. Licences had already been issued to the major sites but discussions were still taking place on technical details with many of the site operators and regular visits were necessary to supervise the work in progress. I am pleased to report that no serious defects were experienced, the co-operation of the site owners was almost 100% and at the commencement of the 1963 summer season, there will be very few outstanding omissions in conforming to the Site Licence requirements.

LIST OF LICENSED CARAVAN SITES

Site	Total	Residential	Touring
Pine Cones, Woolacombe	50		
Berrynarbor Trailer Park	50		
Seabirds, Croyde	6		
East Cottage, Bickington	23	23	
Fortescue, Mortehoe	15		
Dune View, Braunton	56	30	
Glenavon, Combe Martin	100		
Twitchen, Mortehoe	275		68(O.S.449)
Sea View Farm, Woolacombe	245		62
Cleavewood House, Woolacombe	60		
Burrows Mead, Croyde	150		
Lundy Meadow, Croyde	60	(operated by the Caravan Club)	60
Over Woolacombe Barton	70		

Site	Total	Residential	Touring
North Morte Farm, Mortehoe	73		
Lorna Doone, Parracombe	20		20
Ruda, Croyde	280	1	
Mount View, Landkey	24	24	
Chivenor Cross	25		25
Score Farm, Braunton	22	22	
Down End, Croyde	30	6	
Lagoon View, Yelland	200	5	
Watermouth Caves, Berrynarbor	61		
Barn Lawn, Georgeham	3	1	
The Grange, Kentisbury	21		
Sandaway, Berrynarbor	90		
Midlands, Ashford	63		
Putsborough	19		19
Snapper	50		50
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The following sites hold certificates from the Caravan Club of Great Britain and are permitted to accommodate not more than 5 caravans at any one time:-

Bay View Garage, Landkey Rd.			
West End Farm, Georgeham			
Blatchford House, Shirwell			
Brookham Farm, Fremington			
Bestridge Farm, Swimbridge			
East Down Rectory, East Down			
Beara Manor, Bratton Fleming			
Ensis, Harracott			
Heddon Mills, Braunton			
Wheel Farm, Berrynarbor			
Tuckers Farm, Georgeham			
Hore Down Farm, Bittadon			
Roadway Farm, Woolacombe	65		65
	2206	112	369

Additional public conveniences were erected at Combesgate Woolacombe, and conveniences have also been provided in the Putsborough Car Park by its owner. This emenity was long overdue and one of the first seasonable nuisances in your area has been eliminated.

One matter in which I cannot express satisfaction,however, is the lack of suitable sites for the disposal of refuse. The demands on the refuse collection service are increasing annually and over 200 tons of refuse are collected weekly. Country areas have a fortnightly collection service, the larger villages weekly and the coastal areas a bi-weekly collection during the summer season. Very serious efforts have been made during the past year to find at least two suitable refuse disposal sites, but without avail, and unless this problem is solved quickly then compulsory powers will have to be invoked.

Land for a central depot has been purchased at Wrafton and the buildings are now in course of erection and since October, the premises have been in use.

Orders were placed for a Shelvoke & Drewry Pakamatic vehicle and an 1100 gallon Cesspool Emptier.

Plans were submitted for the erection of a new abattoir by private enterprise at Fremington Station, and subject to Ministry approval, a licence was promised. This abattoir is now in course of erection. The owner of this new abattoir is using the facilities provided by the Barnstaple Borough Council, but its completion will involve extra demands on the time allotted to meat inspection and in 1963, it will be necessary for the Council to give consideration to the appointment of a full-time Meat Inspector.

SUMMARY OF MEAT INSPECTIONS

Animals Inspected		Condemned Carcases	Condemned Portions	
			T.B.	Other Causes
Sheep	997	48		1 liver
Pigs	1844	3	46 Heads	25 livers 3 lungs 3 hearts 1 hind leg
Beasts (not cows)	520	1	2 fore-quarters	2 lungs 2 livers 2 part livers
Cows	54	3		2 lungs 8 livers 1 part liver 2 hearts 1 spleen 2 forequarters 2 hindquarters
Calves	431	9		

CYSTICERCUS BOVIS

3 heifers - heart affected.
2 heifers - head affected.
1 cow - heart affected.
3 bullocks - heart affected.

TOTAL NOTICES (Served as under)

Public Health Act	6
Housing Acts	5

SWIMMING POOLS

The only Swimming Pool in the district is situated on the seashore and is privately owned. The pool is covered by every tide.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

Byelaws are in operation for the control of Offensive Trades. There is one in the district - the Tannery at Swimbridge.

UNDERGROUND SLEEPING ROOMS

There is no need for regulations in this area in respect of underground sleeping rooms.

RODENT CONTROL

Regular monthly inspections of all refuse tips and sewage disposal sites has kept infestation by rats and mice well under control.

The annual test baiting of the 19 sewerage systems was completed in the Spring, followed by two poison treatments on three slightly infested systems.

The number of inspections carried out on other properties totalled 815, made up as follows:-

Farm premises	310
Private and Business premises	420
Complaints and requests for advice ...	85

54 premises did show above average infestation. These were mainly poultry keepers and piggeries.

It was necessary to poison treat a number of lay-bys, which were rat infested, due to litter deposited by visitors on picnics. This was followed by an inspection of all lay-

bys in the district, and it would appear that such inspection will now be necessary each year.

The year ended with the district fairly clear of infestation and the co-operation of the public was good.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Food Hygiene Regulations. 129 inspections of food premises were made during 1962. Attention was drawn to certain requirements in some premises and with the co-operation of the persons concerned, the necessary improvements were made without having to resort to formal action.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

During the visits to food shops and inspection of items of food for sale, certain items of tinned food have been condemned due to damage or rust or leakage.

PETROLEUM REGULATIONS

74 tanks were put under ullage tests during the year and all proved to be satisfactory.

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FACTORIES ACT, 1937 (Sections 110 and 111) OUTWORK

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prose-cutions for fail-ure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un-whole-some premises	Notice served	Prose-cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel (Making, etc.)	49	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	49	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1957 - PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health.(including inspection made by the Public Health Inspectors.)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	4	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	42	33	Nil	Nil
(iii)Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority(excluding out-workers premises	15	14	Nil	Nil
Total	66	51	Nil	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector	to H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-

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A N N U A L R E P O R T

The Red House,
Castle Street,
Barnstaple.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Barnstaple Rural District Council,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the following Report on the activities of the Building Surveyor's Department during the year 1962:-

PLANS

Details of Plans submitted	1962	1961
No. approved under Byelaws	104	86
No. disapproved under Byelaws	12	3
No. approved under Town Planning ...	550	568
No. decision given (Enquiry and deferments)	163	121
No. withdrawn after formal submission ...	15	10
No. of Houses completed during the year ...		
(i) By Private Enterprise ...	217	194
(ii) By Local Authority ...	21	2

I wish to record my thanks to the members of the Council, the staff and members of my department for their help and support during the past year.

I am,

Your obediant Servant,

A. J. DENNIS.

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